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Synopsis

One of the most powerful dramas ever written for the stage, Othello is a story of revenge, illusion, passion, mistrust, jealousy, and murder. If in Iago Shakespeare created the most compelling villain in Western literature, in Othello and Desdemona he gave us our most tragic and unforgettable lovers.

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"To mourn a mischief that is past and gone is the next way to draw new mischief on" is one of the few famous quotes from the book Othello. The quote means "When you lament something bad that's already happened, you're setting yourself up for more bad news" which in my opinion is an omen to what will happen by the end of the story. Othello is a story about a Moor, or a North African, named Othello and Desdemona who fall in love even if everyone disagrees. Othello is a general of Venice and a powerful figure. He wasn't respected much from the people because of his color and the age difference between him and Desdemona. Desdemona is the daughter of the Venetian senator, Brabantio and is very capable of defending her marriage with Othello. Desdemona and Othello are secretly married before the book even begins and their marriage slowly crumbles as the story goes on thanks to the crafty work of Iago. Iago is one of Othello's friends, or is what everyone thinks. Iago ends up lying to Othello about what Desdemona does behind his back and gets Othello rethinking his marriage. William Shakespeare is a very well known writer even though his writings were written four centuries ago. Othello is one of the thirty-eight plays written by him. Since they

were all written in the Elizabethan age, it is much harder for us to understand what is being said. All of his plays have been translated into the world's major languages. His plays are against the rich lives of his time. Such as the kings and queens. Before and since his death, in April 1616, Shakespeare has been one of the best writers in history. I liked Othello very much. Even though there are very few description words, since it is written as a script, the imagery was very good.

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